also be transparent criteria as for the disbursement and aid from the government to some self-financing schools, especially those which cater to underprivileged children and clear norms with respect to the ability of school managements to raise resources from other sources. The monitoring of private schools, interms of ensuring a transparent admissions process, regulation of fee structures, as well as meeting minimum set standards for quality of teaching and infrastructure also requires attention. The possibility of greater exchange between schools, including monitoring of one school by another, should be allowed and encouraged."

(c) and (d) Education being a concurrent subject, a majority of private schools come under the jurisdiction of State Governments. So far as Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is concerned, affilliation of schools is a very transparent process and the requirements/ norms have been specified in affiliation bye-laws.

IIT Golden Jubilee Campus in Gujarat

944. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
SHRI SURENDRA MOTILAL PATEL:
SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Board of Indian Institute of Technology, Powai has submitted a proposal to Government to start Indian Institute of Technology Golden Jubliee Campus in Gujarat:

(b) if so, whether the proposal has been approved by Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Certain observations have been conveyed to IIT, Bombay.

(c) Does not arise.

Adulterated food under Mid-day Meal Scheme

945. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being adopted by Government to curb the complaints of adulterated food being given to the children under the Mid-day Meal Scheme;

(b) the guidelines for supplying cooked food, in order to ensure nutrition and freshness of food;

(c) whether Government has received any complaints of supplying sub-standard food to children; and

(d) the number of complaints of serious nature, received during the last two years from Bihar and the details of action taken, complaint-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Though the overall responsibility to ensure all logistic and administrative arrangements for regular serving of wholesome, cooked mid day meal in every eligible school, EGS/AIE Centres lies with the State Government/UT Administration, the Central Government has been continuously urging the State Governments to

- ensure that food is cooked in a hygienic environment
- food items are stored in dry and safe places
- drinking water is adequately made available
- cooks are properly trained in adopting hynienic habits

Besides, States have also been urged to involve the parents and community members to supervise the cooking and serving mid-day meal to children.

(b) According to the Guidelines on the Mid-Day Programme issued by the Department, cooked mid day meal of 450 calories and 12 grams of protein is provided to the children studying in classes I-V in Government (including Local Body) and Government Aided Schools and Centres run under EHS/AIE. The nutritional norm at upper primary Vidayalaya Mansi Gharari and Middle School Araiya of Khagria District, Mansi is stage of education *i.e.* classes VI-VIII is 700 calories and 20 grams of protein.

(c) and (d) Certain instances of supplying of sub-standard food to children in some States have come to the notice of the Government. The Government of Bihar has reported that complaints have been received from the Rohtas District, Shiv Sagar Block and from Khagria District, Mansi Block. In the case of Rohtas district, after enquiry, action has been taken and the mid-day meal is being implemented under the supervision of the local village committee. The complaint relating to Primary Vidayalaya Mansi Gharari and Middle School Araiya of Khagria District, Mansi is under examination of the State Government.

Reduction in out of school children

946. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a report, based on the analysis of data collected from 562 out of 584 districts, has found that there is a decline in the number of out of school children;

(b) if so, whether the report also finds tht more girls are now going to schools;

(c) whether the SC and ST children are still less for enrolment in the schools; and

(d) if so, whether Government has considered the survey report and if so, what steps Government proposes to take to improve the position further, and also encourage SC and ST children to enroll more in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan has made considerable progress in enhancing access to elementary education. As per the State reports, the number of out of school children has declined from 4.4 crore in 2001 to 75.97 lakh as on March, 2007.

The enrolment of girls, SC and ST children has increased at the elementary level of education. As per Selected Educational statistics 2004-05 gross enrolment ratios for girls, SC,